

# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

Crystal Hogan

\*Praise Medley

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Prayer of Confession:

Lord, as we observe Your Son, our Lord, who went to be alone with You for 40 days,

**forgive us for not having the time for You or even having interest in spiritual enrichment that will make us whole.**

Your Son was tempted to gratify His earthly desires;  
**forgive us for indulging our bodies at the expense of our soul.**

Your Son was tempted to ask You to prove Yourself;  
**forgive us for wanting You to be more like a genie in a bottle that grants our every wish rather than seeing You as Lord of our life who determines what is good for us.**

Your Son, was tempted to 'have it all';  
**forgive us for desiring things that are beyond necessary and for failing to realize we already have all that we need in Your love for us.** *(silence for personal confession and reflection)*

Response (*sing*): **So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly Beloved, hear and believe the good news:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!**

**\*Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Christine Sericati

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Pg. 2, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

Pg. 462, Pew Bible

Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Pg. 809, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Paradise Lost; Paradise Regained*

\*Affirmation of Faith (*adapted from Romans 5:12-19 MSG*)

**Thus we have heard how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in-first sin, then death and no one is exempt. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominates the landscape of life.**

**If one man's sin put crowds of people at the dead-end abyss of separation from God, just think what God's gift poured through one man, Jesus Christ, will do!**

**Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, He got us into life! One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right. If we grasp with both hands belief in Jesus Christ, ours is this wildly extravagant life of wholeness and righteousness through the grace of God.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Theodore Wayne Carey**

*(son of Luke and Paige Carey)*

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns: Don Sericati, Chuck Jennings, Lorna March, Dean Wright, Charlie Novara, Floyd Kucharski, Chris Hanley, Geri Anderson, Scott Doda, Phil Peterson, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Anne Starr, Mary Rushford; the family of Gary Carr; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

The Lord's Prayer: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Offering

Offertory: *10,000 Reasons (Bess the Lord)* (J. Myrin, M. Redmon) Choir

\*Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 682

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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### CHURCH NOTES

**Monday:** 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)

**Tuesday:** 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

**Wednesday:** 3:30p.m. 4-yrs. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Young Disciples

5:00p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Young Disciples

6:30p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

12:30p.m. *The Chosen* Study

**We need ushers for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>!!!** The sign-up sheets are on the table in the Fireside Room.

**Thank you** to all who answered the call to help with soup kitchen. All of the open spots are now filled!

**Ushers:** Michelle and Ella Copley; Ferrand and Gladys Ethington